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1. DURING CONSULTATIONS IN TCWP MARCH 24-25 ON RECENT RESTRICTIVE TRADE ACTIONS TAKEN BY AUSTRALIA (SEE SEPTTEL), AUSTRALIAN DEL (B.F. MEERE, ASST SECY, DEPT OF OVERSEAS TRADE) EMPHASIZED PUBLIC NATURE OF PROCEDURES FOR TAKING TEMPORARY RESTRICTIVE ACTION AND THE WILLINGNESS OF GOA TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT VIEWS OF TRADING PARTNERS WITH RESPECT TO PARTICULAR ACTIONS BEFORE FINAL DECISIONS WERE MADE. AUSTRALIAN DEL IMPLIED THAT GOA WOULD WELCOME RECEIVING VIEWS OF OTHER OECD MEMBERS IN CASES WHERE THEY FELT THEY WOULD BE ADVERSELY AFFECTED, AND PROVIDED LIST OF TEN PRODUCT AREAS WHERE TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE CURRENTLY UNDER CONSIDERATION (SEE PARA 3). MISSION RECOMMENDS DEPT AND EMBASSY CANBERRA MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO BRING US TRADE INTEREST IN PARTICULAR PRODUCTS TO ATTENTION OF AUSTRALIAN AUTHORITIES IN HOPE OF HEADING OFF INDIVIDUAL TRADE RESTRICTIVE ACTIONS WHILE STILL UNDER  
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CONSIDERATION. IN ADDITION TO PROTECTING DIRECT US

TRADE INTEREST, SUCH REPRESENTATIONS MAY, TO EXTENT SUCCESSFUL, HELP REDUCE DAMAGE WHICH SERIES OF AUSTRALIAN ACTIONS IS INFLECTING ON CREDIBILITY OF TRADE PLEDGE.

2. ACCORDING TO AUSTRALIAN DEL, INTERESTED PARTIES MAY MAKE REPRESENTATIONS AT NUMBER OF POINTS IN PROCEDURAL CHAIN LEADING TO DECISION TO GRANT TEMPORARY IMPORT PROTECTION. EVEN BEFORE REFERENCE MADE TO TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE AUTHORITY (TAA), GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS REPORTEDLY SEEK VIEWS OF INTERESTED PARTIES WITH RESPECT TO INDUSTRY AND MARKET SITUATIONS. IT COULD BE USEFUL TO ESTABLISH WITH APPROPRIATE GOA AGENCIES THAT US IS "INTERESTED PARTY" IN THIS RESPECT. AFTER REFERENCE TO TAA, INTERESTED PARTIES MAY MAKE VIEWS KNOWN AT PUBLIC HEARINGS. AFTER TAA REPORT ISSUED (WITHIN 30 DAYS OF REFERENCE, OR 60 DAYS FOR TEXTILE AUTHORITY) REPRESENTATIONS CAN AGAIN BE MADE TO GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS IN HOPE OF INFLUENCING GOVERNMENT'S DECISION (USUALLY MADE WITHIN 2 WEEKS AFTER RECEIPT) ON TAA'S REPORT.

3. FOLLOWING IS LIST OF PRODUCTS GIVEN OUT INFORMALLY BY AUSTRALIAN DEL AT MARCH 24-25 CONSULTATIONS. WE NOTE DECISIONS ON THREE OF THESE HAVE ALREADY BEEN TAKEN PER REFTEL.

A. GOODS REPORTED UPON BY TEXTILES AUTHORITY OR TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE AUTHORITY BUT NO ANNOUNCEMENT MADE YET:

SUNGLASSES AND SUNGLASS AND SPECTACLE FRAMES;  
CERTAIN TEXTILE FLOOR COVERINGS (CARPETS);  
BALL BEARINGS;  
PAPER AND PAPERBOARD;  
CHAIN SAWS AND ENGINES.

B. GOODS UNDER REFERENCE TO TEXTILES AUTHORITY OR TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE AUTHORITY:

BAGS AND SACKS OF MAN-MADE-FIBRE MATERIALS;  
COTTON YARNS, COTTON SHEETING AND PILLOW CASES,  
DENIMS, WOOLEN AND WORSTED FABRICS INCLUDING BLANKETS,  
ELASTOMERIC FABRICS AND CURTAINS;  
CERTAIN COLOR TV RECEIVERS AND OTHER CONSUMER  
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ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT AND COMPONENTS;  
CERTAIN PLASTIC SHEETING AND COATED FABRIC;  
CERTAIN KNITTED WEAR AND SHIRTS (AT PRESENT SUBJECT TO EXPORT RESTRAINT ARRANGEMENTS).  
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